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United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy

Washington, D.C. 20547

Office of the Chairman

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The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey: Bull,

The U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy recently submitted its 1985 report to the President, the Congress and the Director of USIA. A copy is enclosed.

It is a positive report. USIA has been revitalized, and public diplomacy has become a central part of the conduct of American foreign policy. The Agency's WORLDNET satellite television network, expanding exchange programs and growing importance within the foreign affairs community are welcome developments.

At the same time, the report addresses a number of still-existing problems. Among the Commission's concerns are Voice of America modernization, the Radio Marti program, overseas personnel shortages, the need for enhanced book and library programs, and finding ways to increase semantic accuracy and counter misleading terminology in international political discourse.

The Commission is a bipartisan, independent group of citizen volunteers whose Congressional mandate is to represent the public interest in assessing the public diplomacy of the United States. I hope you will find the report of interest, and I would welcome your views on its findings and recommendations.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Feulner, Jr. Chairman

